

Governor's Council on Innovation and Technology
March 29, 2006
Arizona State Capitol
Executive Tower, 2nd Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
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Minutes

Call to Order

Co-Chair Michael Fong called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. and asked for Council members to introduce themselves.

Roll Call and Introductions

Members Present:

Todd Bankoffier, Jack Braman, Chris Cummiskey, Jonathan Fink, Michael Fong, Bob Hagen, Bill Hardin, Dick Hayslip, Jock Holliman, Gilbert Jiménez, Representative Debbie McCune Davis, John Murphy, Representative Tom O'Halleran, Steve Sanghi, Andrea Schlanger, Pat Stoner, Jim Strickland, Leslie Tolbert, Roy Vallee, Wendy Vittori, Quinn Williams

Members Absent:

Douglas Davis, John Egan, Carl Fox, Mark Fried, Ed Koopman, Senator Barbara Leff, Cory Miller, Richard Pieranunzi, Jeffrey Trent, Ed Zito

Guests:

George Cunningham, Deputy Chief of Staff, Finance and Budget; R. Thomas Browning, President and CEO, Greater Phoenix Leadership, Inc.

Staff:

Sandra Watson

Remarks from Co-Chair Roy Vallee

Co-Chair Roy Vallee provided an update of recent technology sponsored events, including: 1) Tech and Tools Days, 2) Tech Games with Maricopa County Community Colleges, 3) Science and Technology Fair, and 4) First Robotics Competition. These events involved students from the 5th grade through community college level.

Remarks from Governor's Office

Co-Chair Roy Vallee introduced George Cunningham, Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff of Finance and Budget. Mr. Cunningham thanked the members for serving on the Council and gave a brief update on the Governor's budget for FY2007, including Innovation Arizona, which promotes investment and job creation through science-based research.

Presentation

Co-Chair Michael Fong introduced General Thomas Browning who gave a presentation on "Science Foundation Arizona (SFA)." General Browning gave a brief description of the Foundation. He announced that William C. Harris, Ph.D. has accepted the position of president

and chief executive officer for the Foundation. Dr. Harris served as founding director general of Science Foundation Ireland (SFI). SFA's goal is to invest strategically in scientific, engineering and medical research that will benefit Arizona. The Foundation will partner with economic development organizations statewide.

Co-Chair Roy Vallee thanked General Browning for his presentation.

Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Michael Fong asked the Council for the approval of the September 29, 2005 and January 12, 2006 minutes. Jock Holliman so moved. Seconded by Gil Jimenez. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2006, 1700 W. Washington Street, Governor's 2nd Floor Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.

Adjournment

Co-Chairs Roy Vallee and Mike Fong thanked the Council for serving and adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.